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Subject:	Re: Bahrain / Russia

Hi Justine
Yes. It could. They don't need permission. But they update. So you can assume the SA were not totally against it. Assuming it really happened.
Best
EB

Sent from my iPhone

On 11 Feb 2016, at 07:27, Zach Schreiber <Zach@pointstate.com> wrote:

> Thnks Ehud. Assuming for the moment that it is true, that the Bahraini King went to Russia, could that have happened without the explicit approval of the Saudi leadership?
> Best. Z
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Feb 11, 2016, at 4:36 AM, ehbarak <ehbarak1@gmail.com> wrote:
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> > Hi Justine
> > I'm in Astana.
> > Didn't hear of this. Could be true. Could be that another senior official, not necessarily #1 was there. The real Bahreini Interest is in reducing the level of Iranian involvement with their Shi'ite community. Russia might be of certain limited help on this.
> > Russians might be interested in gradually creating an access to the hosts of the big US Gulf Navy installation in Man'ama. As well as in sniffing opportunities to, without risking direct contact, get somewhat closer to the Saudis, " by proxy".
> > At this stage I don't yet see in it, if it ever happened, a sign of coordination, direct or indirect, of oil prices.
> > Best
> > EB
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> > Sent from my iPhone
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> > On 10 Feb 2016, at 18:15, Justin Mondshine <Justin@pointstate.com> wrote:
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> > > Ehud,
> > >
> > > We've heard a rumor that the King of Bahrain recently traveled to Russia.
> > > Have you heard anything about this visit or the content of what may have been

discussed? Do you think there is a read through to Saudi intentions given Bahraini foreign diplomacy isn't exactly set independently?

Best,

Justin

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